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	Production of Gas From	)	
	Vertical Wells in Coal	)	
	Seams	)	

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**U. S. PATENTS**

U.S. Patent Number 5,499,678 issued 03/19/96 to Jim B. Surjaatmadja, et al;

U.S. Patent Number 5,765,642 issued 06/16/98 to Jim B. Surjaatmadja;

U.S. Patent Number 6,280,000 issued 08/28/01 to Joseph A. Zupanick; and

U.S. Patent Number 6,604,580 issued 08/12/03 to Joseph A. Zupanick, et al.

**OTHER MATERIAL**

U.S. Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, entitled "Methods for Geomechanical Fracture Modeling" by  
Mohamed Y. Soliman, et al.

Copies of the aforementioned references and Form PTO-1449 are submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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### U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		5,499,678	03/19/96	Surjaatmadja <i>et al.</i>	166	298	08/02/1994
		5,765,642	06/16/98	Surjaatmadja	166	297	12/23/1996
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### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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### NON-PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT (Including Author, Title, Source, and Pertinent Pages)	
		U.S. Serial No. _____, entitled "Methods for Geomechanical Fracture Modeling" by Mohamed Y. Soliman, et al.	

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